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Dear Folks,

Enclosed to each of you please find copy of the Notice of Hearing. This is intended as service upon you.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR DESIGNATION OF MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. AS ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE NEW NORTH CENTRAL FARMERS ELEVATOR LOCATION IN BOWDLE, SOUTH DAKOTA, AS A LARGE LOAD CUSTOMER.

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YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Oral Arguments have been scheduled for hearing before the Honorable James W. Anderson, in the Courtroom, in the Courthouse, in the City of Pierre, Hughes County, South Dakota, on the 31st day of January, 2007 at the hour of 1:30 o'clock P.M., and you can appear at said time and place and be heard.

DATED this ____ day of January, 2007.

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